

“(A) Ensure research and development efforts conducted at Centers of Excellence of the Federal Aviation Administration are tracked, collected, and amplified across the aviation and aerospace community.

“(B) Provide a repository of pertinent recommendations or other action items from all Centers of Excellence for public review.

“(C) Serve as a collaborative forum for Centers of Excellence institution researchers, stakeholders, and other interested parties for the purpose of discussing research efforts.

“(6) Serve as a forum, through symposiums, conferences, and other means as appropriate, for cross-disciplinary collaboration among aviation and aerospace stakeholders to consider the near-term and long-term future of aviation and aerospace generally with respect to new training materials and products.

“(e) GRANTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In order to accomplish the purpose under subsection (c) and duties under subsection (d), the Center shall have the authority and ability to issue grants to organizations that have experience in, and knowledge of, creating, developing, and delivering or updating—

“(A) high school aviation curricula, including syllabuses and lesson plans, that are designed to prepare students to become aircraft pilots, aerospace engineers, unmanned aircraft system operators, aviation maintenance technicians, or other aviation maintenance professionals, or to refresh the knowledge of out-of-practice pilots or any of the aforementioned individuals; or

“(B) aviation curricula, including syllabuses and lesson plans, used at institutions of higher education, secondary education institutions, or by technical training and vocational schools, that are designed to prepare students to become aircraft pilots, aerospace engineers, unmanned aircraft system operators, or aviation maintenance technicians, or to refresh the knowledge of out-of-practice pilots or any of the aforementioned individuals.

“(2) LIMITATION.—No organization that receives a grant under this subsection shall sell or make a profit from the creation, development, delivery, or updating of aviation curricula.

“(f) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS OF THE CENTER.—

“(1) DETAILEES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—At the request of the Center, the head of any Federal agency or department may detail to the Center, on a reimbursable basis, any employee of the agency or department.

“(B) CIVIL SERVICE STATUS.—The detail of an employee under subparagraph (A) shall be without interruption or loss of civil service status or privilege.

“(2) NAMES AND SYMBOLS.—The Center may use proceeds derived from the Center's use of the exclusive right to use its name and seal, emblems, and badges incorporating such name as lawfully adopted by the Board of Directors in furtherance of the purpose and duties of the Center.

“(3) GIFTS, GRANTS, BEQUESTS, AND DEVICES.—The Center may accept, use, and dispose of gifts, grants, bequests, or devices of money, services, or property from any public or private source for the purpose of covering the costs incurred by the Center in furtherance of the purpose and duties of the Center.

“(4) VOLUNTARY SERVICES.—The Center may accept from any person voluntary services to be provided in furtherance of the purpose and duties of the Center.

“(g) RESTRICTIONS ON THE CENTER.—

“(1) PROFIT.—The Center may not engage in business activity for profit.

“(2) STOCKS AND DIVIDENDS.—The Center may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

“(3) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The Center shall be nonpolitical and may not provide financial aid or assistance to, or otherwise promote the candidacy of, an individual seeking elective public office. The Center may not engage in activities that are, directly, or indirectly, intended to be or likely to be perceived as advocating or influencing the legislative process.

“(4) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The assets of the Center may not inure to the benefit of a member of the Board, or an officer or employee of the Center or be distributed to any person. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer, employee, or other person or reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses in amounts approved by the Board.

“(5) LOANS.—The Center may not make a loan to a member of the Board or an officer or employee of the Center.

“(6) NO CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The Center may not claim approval of Congress or of the authority of the United States for any of its activities.

“(h) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Executive Director shall appoint members to an advisory committee subject to the approval by the Board. Members of the Board of the Center may not sit on the advisory committee.

“(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The advisory committee shall consist of 15 members who represent a balance of various aviation stakeholder groups. The advisory committee shall choose a Chairman and Vice Chairman of the advisory committee from among members of the advisory committee. Members of the advisory committee shall be appointed for a term of 5 years.

“(3) DUTIES.—The advisory committee shall—

“(A) provide recommendations to the Board on an annual basis regarding the priorities for the Center's activities;

“(B) provide advice to the Board on an ongoing basis regarding the appropriate powers of the Board to accomplish the purposes and duties of the Center;

“(C) provide data and information to the Center to aid the Center in carrying out its duties; and

“(D) nominate United States citizens for consideration by the Board to be honored by the Center for their work in promoting aviation or aviation education in the United States.

“(4) MEETINGS.—The provisions for meetings of the Board under subsection (c)(1) shall apply to meetings of the advisory committee.

“(i) WORKING GROUPS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board may establish and appoint the membership of working groups for a time and for a specific reason as necessary and appropriate.

“(2) MEMBERSHIP.—Any working group established by the Board shall have members representing a balance of various aviation stakeholder groups. Once established, the membership of such working group shall choose a Chairman from among the members of the working group.

“(3) TERMINATION.—Any working group established by the Board under this subsection shall be constituted for a time period of not more than 3 years.

“(j) RECORDS OF ACCOUNTS.—The Center shall keep correct and complete records of accounts.

“(k) DUTY TO MAINTAIN TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The Center shall be operated in a manner and for purposes that qualify the Center for exemption from taxation under the Inter-

nal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of that Code.

“(1) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Center shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the Center during the prior year.

“(m) FUNDING.—In order to carry out this section, notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount equal to 5 percent of the interest from investment credited to the Airport and Airway Trust Fund shall be transferred annually as a direct lump sum payment on the first day of October to the Center to carry out this section and shall be available until expended without further act of appropriation.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 1 of subtitle 1 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 117 the following:

“118. National Center for the Advancement of Aviation.”.

SA 2492. Mr. LANKFORD (for Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 2486, line 17, insert “*Provided further*, That in allocating funds under the previous proviso, the Secretary of the Army shall prioritize channel deepening projects:” after “projects:”.

On page 1738, line 25, insert “, including to be leveraged through performance contracting” after “expended”.

At the end of title VIII of division D, add the following:

SEC. 408. REGENERATIVE GRAZING DATA COLLECTION.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land” means—

(A) public lands (as defined in section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702)); and

(B) National Forest System land.

(2) PROGRAM.—The term “program” means the pilot program established under subsection (b)(1).

(3) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries” means the Secretary of Agriculture (acting through the Chief of the Forest Service) and the Secretary of the Interior (acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management), acting jointly.

(b) PILOT PROGRAM FOR USE OF REGENERATIVE GRAZING ON FEDERAL LAND TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretaries shall establish a pilot program to study the effectiveness of using grazing on Federal land to mitigate the effects of climate change.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the program, the Secretaries shall—

(A) identify—

(i) a standard set of practices to study, such as carbon beneficial practices in the conservation practice standards of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, that support conservation goals, including—

(I) silvopasture;

(II) practices that provide wildlife habitat benefits;

(III) practices that consider flexibility in season of use;

(IV) forage and biomass management;

(V) planned grazing; and

(VI) range monitoring; and

(ii) sufficient grazing allotments on a diverse mixture of ecosystems to identify how grazing is an effective tool to mitigate effects of climate change, including the ability to—

(I) improve soil health;

(II) sequester carbon;

(III) reduce wildfire risk; and

(IV) improve watershed resilience and biodiversity;

(B) in developing, implementing, and monitoring the program, consult with—

(i) relevant subject matter experts at the Forest Service;

(ii) relevant subject matter experts at the Bureau of Land Management;

(iii) the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service;

(iv) the Director of the United States Geological Survey;

(v) ranchers and representatives of the ranching industry;

(vi) representatives from grazing districts, associations, or boards;

(vii) environmental and conservation nongovernmental organizations;

(viii) institutions of higher education; and

(ix) any other organization that the Secretaries determine to be appropriate.

(3) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds made available to carry out the program may be used for—

(A) the conduct of research activities;

(B) the provision of technical assistance to permittees; or

(C) the construction of infrastructure necessary for implementing and analyzing regenerative grazing.

(4) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the Secretaries determine that a sufficient quantity of data has been collected under the program, the Secretaries shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and make publicly available on the websites of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior a report on the findings and data derived from the program, including whether and the extent to which the use of regenerative grazing improved the ability to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2023, to remain available until expended.

SA 2493. Mr. COONS (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1738, line 25, insert “, including to be leveraged through performance contracting” after “expended”.

SA 2494. Ms. LUMMIS (for herself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amend-

ment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2023, to remain available until expended.

SA 2495. Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. THUNE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division H, insert the following:

SEC. _____. CREDIT FOR SALE OR BLENDING OF ETHANOL FUELS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 45U. CREDIT FOR SALE OR BLENDING OF ETHANOL FUELS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 38, the ethanol fuel credit determined under this section for any taxable year is an amount equal to—

“(1) in the case of an applicable taxpayer which is described in subsection (b)(1)(A)—

“(A) for each gallon of E15 blended by such taxpayer, 5 cents, and

“(B) for each gallon of fuel blended by such taxpayer which contains more than 15 volume percent ethanol, 10 cents, and

“(2) subject to subsection (c), in the case of an applicable taxpayer which is described in subsection (b)(1)(B)—

“(A) for each gallon of E15 sold by such taxpayer, 5 cents, and

“(B) for each gallon of fuel sold by such taxpayer which contains more than 15 volume percent ethanol, 10 cents.

“(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

“(1) APPLICABLE TAXPAYER.—The term ‘applicable taxpayer’ means—

“(A) an oxygenate blender (as defined in section 1090.80 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations), and

“(B) a retailer (as defined in paragraph (7) of section 101 of the Petroleum Marketing Practices Act (15 U.S.C. 2801)).

“(2) E15.—The term ‘E15’ means gasoline that is marketed and sold as E15 contains